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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO.                     TOPIC 1. Kamenz Airfield

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2. Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz

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EVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED                     DATE OF CONTENT October 1952 to 23 July 1953DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 14 August 1953REFERENCES                      25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                     SOURCE                     

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1. Between October 1952 and February/March 1953, pilots had been trained in Yak-11s and Yak-18s at Kamenz airfield. The landing field became too smooth and, therefore, training had to be discontinued at Kamenz and was resumed at Dresden-Klotzsche. The flight instructors were Soviet officers who wore VPL uniforms and had German cover names. Source learned that a training course for flight instructors was to start in Kamenz in the near future. 1

2. The northeastern section of the former Panzer Kaserne was occupied by a mechanic school for EM and whose training course was completed in July 1953. The trainees, except for a detail of approximately one company, were transferred to Bautzen, Drewitz and Cottbus. A new course had not yet started as of 18 July. 2

3. In early June, source learned from a VP man who was previously stationed in Kamenz, that construction work was discontinued at Kamenz airfield and that the airfield was no longer serviceable because of its marshy subsoil.

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4. An acquaintance of source stated on 24 July that construction work at Kamenz airfield was allegedly cancelled because of a lack of funds. 1

5. During the last weeks of June and during the time up to 23 July, no take-offs or landings were observed at Kamenz airfield. The occupation strength of the Panzer Kaserne has been considerably reduced since about mid-July. Fewer members than previously were observed in Kamenz. 2

25X1A 1. Comment. The reporting sources confirm that Kamenz airfield is not serviceable for a VPL regiment. Construction work at Kamenz and Bautzen-Mitten airfields was probably abandoned in favor of work at Jocksdorf and Bremenham airfields. The 602d VPL Regt which formerly was stationed

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in Kamenz and of which at least elements were temporarily stationed in Dresden-Klotzsche is now stationed at Drewitz airfield, as was reported by other sources. The present locations of VPL Regts 601 and 603 cannot be determined, as Cottbus airfield has been vacated since 20 July 1953 and no aircraft were observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield. It is possible that all three VPL regiments are now stationed in Drewitz.

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2. Comment. The reduced occupation strength of the Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz is probably due to the completion of the technical training courses of the division mechanic school and the transfer of the 602d VPL Regt.

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